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Free Talk

Eight Major Cuisines of China 中国八大菜系

Liuzi dishes - how do you explain? (留子菜 - 最近网上很流行的说法)

*A fun slang term from Chinese internet culture. It refers to the kinds of Chinese dishes that international students, especially those studying abroad, come up with using whatever ingredients and tools they have.

Tariff 关税

Chinese currency is losing value. 更口语

The Yuan has depreciated. 更正式

Homework Analysis - Writing

Summary

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Light pollution, caused by excessive artificial light, ^{negatively affects} has many ^{both humans and wildlife / nature} negative effects on both humans and nature. First, it disturbs natural life cycles by turning night into ~~day~~. Second, bad lighting design ~~causes light to spread~~ ^{light} unnecessarily, especially in cities and suburbs. Third, it hides the beauty of the night sky, making it hard to see stars. Fourth, it harms animals like birds and sea turtles by confusing their natural behavior. Fifth, it ^{it reduces the darkness for good sleep, affecting...} affects human sleep by ~~reducing~~ darkness, which is essential for good rest. Lastly, ~~light pollution~~ ^{it} wastes a lot of energy. ^{Fortunately,} simple changes in lighting can reduce pollution and save power.

→ For human

1 → Light pollution, caused by excessive artificial light, has many negative effects on both humans and nature. → Light pollution, caused by excessive artificial light, negatively affects both humans and wildlife / nature.

2 → bad lighting design causes light to spread unnecessarily, especially...
→ bad lighting design spreads light unnecessarily, ...

3 → Fifth, it affects human sleep by reducing darkness, which is ... →
For human, it reduces the darkness for good sleep, affecting human's health...

因为前面都是关于动物的，在写到人类的时候，可以用 “for human” 总起

Forrest 版本有点累赘啦，多用 with、for 这种介词可以缩短句子

4 → Simple changes in lighting can reduce pollution and save power. →

Fortunately, ...

这个句子作为结尾，需要用连接词和前面内容联系起来。因为前面都是坏处 (negatively affect) ，后面一句是好的方面，所以可以用 fortunately 引导句子。

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Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su → could be more formal = Negative

The Dark Sides of advertising

Nowadays, advertisements have become an unavoidable part of our daily life. Some people believe that advertisement could be irritating, while some think it is a great chance to promote production. In my opinion, advertisements have more negative effects than positive ones. ✓ Well-structured!

Firstly, advertisements often make people want things they do not actually don't really need. They show new phones or clothes in a very attractive/appealing fancy way, which makes people unable to resist temptation of purchasing. This can cause people, especially teenagers, to spending money they cannot can't afford.

Secondly, advertisements can sometimes mislead us with false information (give us wrong or misleading information). Some products claim to have a certain function, but actually they do not don't work as advertised promised.

Additionally, Some game advertisements make children addicted to them.

In conclusion, although some advertisements are funny and informative, (they create unnecessary desire and pressure.) ✓ well done!

Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su negative positive

Therefore, the dark side of advertising outweighs the bright side. ones.

↑ aspects

✖ 第二段和第三段缺少例子

Introduction

1 → 结构很完整！给一个大大的赞！

2 → The Dark Sides of advertising → The Negative Aspects of Advertising

Advertising 是实词，用作标题的时候，首字母大写

Dark Sides 像写诗歌和小说一样，学术写作需要用学术的词汇

sides 最好用 aspects

Body Paragraph 1

1 → advertisements often make people want things they don't really need. → advertisements often make people purchase goods they do not actually need.

Want things 很口语

用“买”比“想要”更能体现广告的消极影响。因为消费者没买的话，广告的目的就没有达到，对消费者来说就不是消极的；

Don't - 不要写缩写！！

Really - 也是口语的表达

2 → They show new phones or clothes in a very fancy way, ... → attractive / appealing way

3 → ... which makes people unable to resist temptation of purchasing. → which makes it difficult for people to resist the temptation to purchase.

Unable 太绝对了，并不是所有消费者在看了广告后都不能克制自己买东西

记得上次课讲的 **hedging** 吗？作用是什么呢？

这个句子还能怎么改呢？

For example, some game advertisements give children the impression that the games are harmless or educational, but they can actually make children addicted to them.

4 → This can cause, especially teenagers, to spend money they can't afford. → This can cause, especially teenager, spending money they cannot afford.

Can't - cannot 不要缩写!

Body Paragraph 2

1 → Advertisements can sometimes give us wrong or misleading information. → Advertisements can sometimes mislead us this false information.

简洁明了

2 → ... they don't work as promised. → they do not work as advertised.

Don't - do not 不要缩写!

广告并没有给我们承诺，只是有展示/告知功能

3 → Some game advertisements make children addicted to them.

这句话太突然了。和前面内容没有连接词衔接，和段落开头的论点没有任何关系，也缺少具体的分析和例子。

Conclusion

1 → Therefore, the dark side of advertising outweighs the bright side. → Therefore, the negative aspects of advertising outweigh the positive ones.

Dark/bright - negative/positive

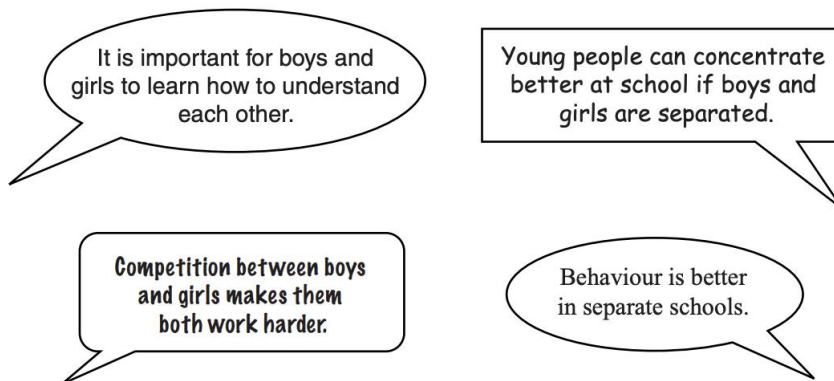
以后 side 都最好用 aspect

上文讨论了两个方面呢，所以“方面”要用复数

New Writing Task - In-class Practising

Some people think that boys and girls aged 14–18 should attend separate schools.

Here are some comments from young people about this idea:



Write an article for your school magazine, giving your views about this issue.

The comments above may give you some ideas, and you should try to include ideas of your own.

Your article should be between 100 and 150 words long.

You will receive up to 7 marks for the content of your article, and up to 6 marks for the style and accuracy of your language.

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Introduction:

背景:

Recently, ~~as the time flows~~, many kinds of schools are shown up. (可以引出本文想讨论的内容, especially what kinds of school?)

或者: the idea of separating boys and girls in schools is widely discussed.

大家的观点 (包含两方面才会有辩论) :

Somebody believe that boys and girls should be in separated schools (or: should attend separate schools), while others disagree.

你的观点: In my opinion/From my perspective, boys and girls should not

be separated. / should be in the same school / should be in a school with mixed-gender / mixed-gender schools offer benefit for both academic and social development.

Body Paragraph 1:

First of all, (... where is your point? → going to a mixed-gender school helps students develop important social skills, which are essential for adult life and future work.) **Being (+an) adult and working in the future not only require(s) your academic grades but also your social ability** (属于分析部分，不应该作为开头).

Body Paragraph 2:

Conclusion:

Homework 1 - ARTICLE

完成 Page8 的作文

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Homework 2 - SUMMARY

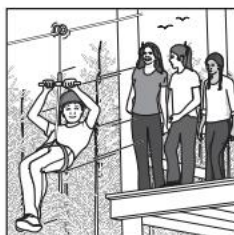
- 13** Read the article about a teenager's day trip to Treetop World, an adventure park in the forest where people can climb high in the trees.

Write a summary about the advice given to people who are planning to go to Treetop World.

Your summary should be about 80 words long (and no more than 90 words long). You should use your own words as far as possible.

You will receive up to 6 marks for the content of your summary and up to 6 marks for the style and accuracy of your language.

Adventure in the trees



I loved climbing trees as a child, so for my birthday last weekend my friends knew exactly where to take me – a day out to Treetop World! The only way to describe Treetop World is an adventure park high in the forest. You experience climbing and swinging across the treetops on ropes and ladders, all in a safe environment with expert guides to help.

Our tickets were booked for 14:00, but I'd definitely recommend arriving early. This is a good idea as you can watch the people already climbing high in the trees. It looked a bit scary but lots of fun, although one man dropped his phone onto the ground below. Obviously, it's a good idea to put your belongings into a zipped pocket! And if possible leave anything valuable at home.

At 14:00 our guide, Jed, gave us our safety talk, which everyone has to attend. It included some useful tips. He made the talk entertaining, and when I was up in the trees feeling slightly nervous, I was glad I remembered what he'd said. So listen carefully to your guide – you won't regret it.

To get up in the trees, we had to climb a 150-metre ladder to the first platform. I was chosen as the first person to swing across to the next branch. I felt unsure, but took a deep breath and stepped forwards. Suddenly I was rushing through the air like a bird, landing safely at the next tree. I loved it!

The course is easy at first and gets more challenging, but my confidence increased as I got used to the equipment. Guides monitor you from the forest floor, so if you get a little scared or have a question, just ask them for help.

After two hours swinging in the trees, we were covered in dust! One thing I'd suggest is wearing clothes you don't mind getting dirty. And the park remains open even in the rain, so you might want to bring a waterproof jacket. We returned home after a great day out, feeling exhausted but very happy!